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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided in Bihar during the last two years and till date;

(b) the number of telephone connections presently lying out of order in the State;

(c) whether the rural telephone system has failed in various districts of the State:

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) The district-wise number of telephone connections provided in Bihar during the last two years and till date are given in the Annexure.

(b) The number of telephone connections presently lying out of order in the State are 20125.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of 'c' above.

(e) Following steps have been taken to ensure proper functioning of rural telephones:-

(i) Monitoring of fault repair by senior officers.

(ii) Rehabilitation/Up-gradation of external plant.

(iii) Replacement of long spans of overhead alignment by underground cables in phased manner.

(iv) Introduction of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) based centralized fault booking at Short Distance Charging Center (SDCC).

(v) Replacement of Life expired telephone instruments in phased manner.

(vi) Introduction of modern technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL). Time Division Multiple Access/point to Multi Point (TDMA/PMP), Satellite in rural areas.

(vii) Provision of generator sets to take care of long duration power break down.

(viii) All the rural exchanges are connected on reliable media.

(ix) Line staff is available in each of the rural exchanges for its day-to-date maintenance work.